

Carroll Community School District

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John C. Werden
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Re: Fairview Village Apartments

Honorable Carroll County Attorney Werden:

Due to the series of drug and gun-related events that occurred at the beginning of last school year across the street from Fairview Elementary School in October of 2021, the Carroll Community School District and the City of Carroll are writing to specifically request you commit for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond the application and use of enhanced penalties per the Code of Iowa (124.401A & 724.4A) to send the message that drugs and weapons in protected areas pose a serious danger and are not to be tolerated.

Due to the seriousness of the situation, last fall the City of Carroll Police Department enacted a 24/7 police detail to the area with a "zero-tolerance" policy to any and all criminal activity. We don't believe the same was exercised by your office.

Property in the proximity of the Fairview Elementary School (1,000 feet of said property) is identified in the Iowa Code as posing a Clear and Present danger to the health and safety of citizens, under situations such as those that transpired last October at Fairview Village apartments (562A.27A). We are respectfully requesting the need to protect those in and around the area.

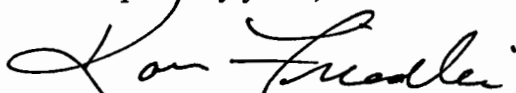
At this time, the Carroll Community School District and the City of Carroll respectfully request the use of Iowa Code 724.4A-Weapons Free Zones-Enhanced penalties to be utilized in association with the real properties involved, including Fairview Elementary, which is within the one thousand foot zone, along with those public citizens residing along Granada Road, south of the Fairview Village apartments. This would allow that those individual(s) who commit a public offense involving a firearm or offensive weapon, within a weapons free zone and found in violation of this shall be subject to a fine of twice the maximum amount which may otherwise be imposed for the public offense.


We would also request the implementation of Iowa Case 124.401A- enhance penalty of manufacture or distribution of illegal drugs to persons on certain real property. This may provide an additional term of confinement of five years for those who unlawfully manufacture with intent to distribute, distributes, or possesses with intent to distribute a substance or counterfeit substance listed in the Schedule I,II or III, or simulated or imitation controlled substance represented to be a controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II or III to another person eighteen years of age or older in or on, or within one thousand feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school.


It is our desire that we shall work together for the greater good of the entire community of Carroll and resolve this ongoing, dangerous situation as swiftly, safely and as amicably possible.


Our goal is deterrence and to send a message that we are all working together to protect the lives of those in this protected area.

Respectfully yours,


Karen Friedlein, Board President
Carroll Community Schools


Dr. Casey Berlau, Superintendent
Carroll Community Schools


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